



# Town of Fountain Hills General Plan Update 2009

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# The Existing General Plan

- Approved on June 20, 2002
- Ratified by Voters on September 10, 2002
- Satisfied Growing Smarter Act & Growing Smarter Plus
- Updated Original General Plan Adopted in 1993

# Changes Since Adoption of 2002 General Plan

- + 11% in Land Area
- + 28.5% in Population (since 2000 census)
- Strategic Plan Adopted
- Environmental Policies Adopted
- Vision Plan for Downtown Approved
- Present Adverse Economic Climate

# General Plan Update Process – to Date

- Fall of 2007 – Contract with LVA
- “Technical” Update
- General Plan Amendment – 1,276 Acres
- Legal Challenge
- Back at Full Speed in Spring of 2009
- Review of Draft Plan by P&Z Committee and Staff

# P&Z General Plan 2009 Review

- 8 Meetings of P&Z Committee
- Comprehensive Review
- Revised Plan Transmitted for Review – 36 Reviewers
- Web, Open House, Work Studies, 2 P&Z Hearings, Council Hearing in December

# Minor Update vs. New Plan

- New Plan Every 10 Years – by 2012 per Statute
- The Fiscally Responsible Course of Action
- Election on General Plan 2009 in May of 2010

# Changes from 2002 Plan to 2009 Plan

- Lots of Corrections; Minor Updates, Changes in Wording, Changes in Format
- Changes to Goals/Objectives
- New Objectives
- Implementation Activities – Area Specific Plans
- General Plan Amendments
- New Exhibits – Soils, Zoning, Land Ownership & Service/Employment Uses
- Environmental Policies
- Financial Overview
- Sidewalk Plan

# Future General Plan Amendments

- Major vs. Minor – Distinctions Clarified
- Requirements of State Law
- More Minor Amendments

# Downtown Vision Plan

- Swaback Partners
- Process
- Council Action on 9/17/09
- As an Area Specific Plan
- Downtown Districts
- P&Z Commission Work Study and Hearings
- Future Changes to TCCD Regulations



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